

Troop and Patrol Organization

All Youth Leaders are expected to:

- **Set a good example**
- **Wear the uniform correctly**
- **Live by the Scout Oath and Law**
- **Attend a significant majority of Troop functions**
- **Earn advancement**
- **Complete the troop's Youth Leader Training Program**

In addition each respective Youth Leader has the following specific duties:

Senior Patrol Leader

- Preside at all troop meetings, events, activities, and annual program planning conference
- Maintain the spirit of the troop and encourage scout enthusiasm and active participation for all activities
- Manage the Patrol Point System
- Chair the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Coach Patrol Leaders on their duties
- Name appointed boy leaders with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster
- Assign duties and responsibilities to other leaders
- Assist the Scoutmaster in training junior leaders
- Must have been a Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

- Responsible for training and giving direct leadership to the following appointed junior leaders: scribe, librarian, troop historian, instructor, quartermaster, and chaplain aide
- Help with leading meetings and activities as called upon by the Senior Patrol Leader.
- Take over troop leadership in the absence of the senior patrol leader
- Perform tasks assigned by the Senior Patrol Leader
- Function as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Support the Senior Patrol Leader

Venture Patrol Leader

- Develop an active program for the Patrol
- Provide leadership to a selected high-adventure activity
- Keep members informed
- Represent the patrol at all Patrol Leader Council meetings
- Encourage members to take part in all troop activities
- Locate and secure resources necessary for activities
- Develop patrol spirit
- Work with troop leaders to make the troop run well

Troop Scribe

- Record attendance at each troop meeting, outing and activity
- Distribute activity beads based on attendance at outings
- Maintain and distribute notepads and pencils at meeting
- Attend and keep a log of Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Maintain bulletin board
- Work with the Troop Treasurer (Committee Member) for semi-annual dues collection

Troop Web Master

- Maintains up to date content for the troop website
- Works closely with the adult leader in developing and improving the website
- Gathers information from patrol scribes for the troop website

Troop Quartermaster

- Keep records of patrol and troop equipment
- Keep equipment in good repair
- Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order
- Suggest new or replacement items
- Work with the troop committee member responsible for equipment

Troop Historian

- Gather pictures and facts about past activities of the troop for website content
- Take care of troop trophies and keepsakes
- Keep information about troop alumni
- Photograph trips and meeting activities
- Maintain troop awards

Troop Librarian

- Establish and maintain a troop library
- Maintain library of merit badge pamphlets
- Distribute list of Merit Badge Counselors
- Maintain library of audio visual material
- Keep records on literature owned by the troop
- Add new or replacement items needed
- Have literature available for borrowing at troop meetings
- Keep system to check literature in and out
- Follow up on late returns

Instructor

- Instruct Scouting skills as needed within the troop or patrols
- Prepare well in advance for each teaching assignment
- Assist with advancement and learning
- Help Scouts with problems

Bugler

- Keeps track of schedules
- Set time at outings
- Play bugle for reveille and taps and other occasions

Troop Guide

- Help Scouts meet advancement requirements through First Class
- Advise patrol leader on his duties and his responsibilities at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- Attend Patrol Leaders' Council meetings with the new Scout
- Patrol Leader
- Prevent harassment of new Scouts by older scouts
- Help Assistant Scoutmaster train new patrol leader when he takes office
- Guide new Scouts through early troop experiences to help them become comfortable in the troop and the outdoors

Den Chief

- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings
- Meet regularly with the Den Leader to review the den and pack meeting plans
- If serving as a Webelos Den Chief, prepare the boys to join Boy Scouting
- Project a positive image of Boy Scouting
- Assist the Den Leader

Chaplain Aide

- Assist Chaplain or religious coordinator in meeting the religious needs of troop members while on activities
- Tell members of the religious emblem program of their faith

Leave No Trace Trainer

- Continue to provide service and leadership to the troop
- Have a thorough understanding of and commitment to Leave No Trace.
- Successfully complete the Leave No Trace Trainer training course.
- Help minimize the troop's impact on the land by teaching Scouts the principles of Leave No Trace.
- Help ensure that the troop follows Leave No Trace principles on outings.

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

- Continue to provide service and leadership to the troop
- Serve as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop
- Encourage year round and resident camping in the troop
- Encourage older Scout participation in high adventure programs
- Encourage Scouts to actively participate in community service projects
- Assist with leadership skills training in the troop
- Encourage Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop
- Encourage Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members
- Set a good example
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Show Scout spirit

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

- Function as an Assistant Scoutmaster
- Accomplish any duties assigned by the Scoutmaster

Patrol Organization

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In addition each respective leader has the following specific duties:

Patrol Leader

- Plan and lead at least one patrol activity every three months
- Plan and lead patrol meetings outside of the troop as often as necessary
- Keep patrol members informed
- Share leadership by assigning each patrol member a job and help them succeed
- Display your patrol flag at meetings and activities
- Represent the patrol at the monthly Patrol Leader Council meeting and at the annual program planning conference
- Prepare the patrol to take part in all troop activities
- Develop patrol spirit and control
- Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well
- Know what patrol members and other leaders can do
- Support advancement for the patrol
- Plan and lead your patrol on troop outings
- Strive to earn the BSA National Honor Patrol Award
- Strive to earn the Troop Honor Patrol Point System

Assistant Patrol Leader

- Assist the patrol leader in:
 - -planning and leading patrol meetings and activities
 - -keeping patrol members informed
 - -preparing the patrol to take part in all troop activities
- Take charge of the patrol in the absence of the patrol leader
- Represent the patrol at the Patrol Leader Council meetings in the absence of the patrol leader
- Help develop patrol spirit
- Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well

Patrol Treasurer

- Reports attendance and dues to troop scribe

Patrol Scribe

- Provides patrol information to the Troop Scribe for publication
- Assists with the production of the monthly newsletter and Web page

Patrol Quartermaster

- Maintain and inventory patrol equipment
- Keep equipment in good repair
- Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order
- Suggest new or replacement items
- Maintain patrol flag

Additional patrol jobs that can be assigned as needed:

- **Patrol First Aider:** This duty goes to the member of the patrol with the most interest and expertise in first aid. He will assemble a patrol first aid kit useful for troop skill games and the Klondike derby.
- **Patrol Grub Master:** Responsible for planning and buying of food for camps, hikes and patrol meetings. This should be rotated and an experienced scout and parent should accompany a newer scout when shopping.
- **Patrol Librarian:** builds up a library of training books and charts and keep good care of them.

- **Patrol Hike Master and Patrol Camp Master:** These two patrol members will be the experts in hiking and camping, and will lead the planning of patrol hikes and camps.
- **Patrol Instructor:** in charge of instructing in skills. You can have different instructors to specialize in knots, fire building, compass, first aid, etc.
- **Patrol Chaplain Aide:** says prayers and leads the religious activities in the Patrol.
- **Patrol Musician:** if you have a guitar player or a musician of any sort, duty can be fitted in.
- **Patrol Cheer Master:** your most enthusiastic and loudest scout to lead your patrol cheer.
- **Patrol Ceremony Chief:** researches ideas and teaches the patrol new openings and closings to use at troop meetings.
- **Patrol Photographer:** a member who is keen on photography.
- **Patrol Newsletter Reporter:** provides a short report on activities to the Troop Newsletter Editor.

With all these things to be done, clearly some patrol members will undertake more than one job.

It is a good idea when giving responsibility to look for and people who are capable, sometimes it is necessary to persuade people to do jobs.

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